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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 4364

KUALA LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. STATE 065743 B. STATE 062013

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA SPOKE TO ME LAST EVENING ABOUT YOUR VISIT HERE FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST HAD HIS FIRST MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE, WHO WAS APPOINTED ONLY TWO DAYS AGO. THEY WERE GOING TO BE VERY MUCH PREOCCUPIED WITH THE MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NONALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE APRIL 5-11 WHICH THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HAVE TO CHAIR. MEHTA SAID HE HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT OF YOUR POSSIBLE VISIT APRIL 2-4 WITH THE MINISTER AND IN VIEW OF HIS NEWNESS TO OFFICE AND THE NONALIGNED MEETING, THEY THOUGHT IT BEST THAT YOUR VISIT BE DEFERRED. MEHTA WONDERED WHETHER YOU MIGHT VISIT DELHI AFTER MOSCOW BUT I DOUBT THAT HE DID THIS ON THE BASIS OF YOUR ITINERARY AS SUCH A SCHEDULE WOULD LAND YOU HERE WHILE THE NONALIGNED MEETINGS ARE STILL UNDERWAY (THEY END APRIL 11).

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2. IT HAS TAKEN A FULL WEEK FOR THE PARTIES WHICH DEFEATED THE CONGRESS IN THE ELECTIONS TO WORK OUT THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER AND NAME A CABINET. VAJPAYEE HAS HAD NO PREVIOUS MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE LET ALONE IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND I THINK IT UNDERSTANDABLE THAT HE IS RELUCTANT TO TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITIES IN ADDITION TO THE NONALIGNED

MEETING DURING HIS FIRST WEEK IN OFFICE. I ALSO SPOKE TO JAGOTA AND HE IS MOST RELUCTANT TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF THE ADVICE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

3. I CONCLUDE THAT YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME HERE SOME TIME AFTER GOVERNMENT SETTLES DOWN. I ALSO BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS ABOVE THE TECHNICAL LEVEL WOULD BE A MOST USEFUL PREPARATION FOR THE RESUMED LOS DISCUSSIONS. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT YOU CAN COME AT A LATER DATE.

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